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EASTERN NEWS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE OREGONIAN.]

Strike of Freight Brakemen.

BUFFALO N Y Feb 24—The freight brakemen on the New York and Erie Railway are on strike for back pay No freight trains have been moved to day in consequence and all passenger trains have been stopped at Hornellsville Nothing was allowed to proceed except an engine with the mail car Large numbers are congregated at Hornellsville The men remain firm and the company shows no signs of succeeding to their demands

Fishermen Afloat on an Ice Field.

PORTLAND Feb 24—It is now probable that all the fishermen on the floating ice in Saginaw Bay will get ashore in safety Two hundred reached Unionville last night Others who were on another field have been driven to the west shore by a change in the wind and they can probably land easily They report that Smith and Pomeroy from Toledo Ohio Feb 23—This afternoon Darwin Ohio Feb 23—This afternoon Darwin Mourse a Frenchman living in the suburbs of the city beat and instantly killed his wife A sudden fit of rage attributed to a disorder of the brain

New York Communists—What they Want, and what they are Determined to Have

NEW YORK Feb 24—The Police Spy reports the Communists of New York Communists as 300 and says the number of New York organizations are uniting the German and Irish organizations are uniting At a recent meeting the Irish Branch Fenian Brotherhood resolved as follows Resolved That we are in favor of a universal strike Resolved That we are in favor of a universal strike Nothing was allowed to work we want but Resolved That we are in favor of a universal strike Nothing was allowed to work we want but liberty and abolition of high salaries and Resolved That we are in favor of a universal strike Nothing was allowed to work we want but liberty and abolition of high salaries and also liberty and abolition of high salaries and repollentation We want heads of the thieves who are now stealing the funds of the city we want their heads and we shall have them We want the heads and we shall have them We want the heads of the thieves who are now stealing the funds of the city we want their heads and we shall have them We want the heads and we shall have them We will suffer what we are now suffering There is no justice in New York We will take justice in our own hands and administer it with rifles and pistols We will find petroleum and use it as we promise We will find petroleum and use it as we promise We will find petroleum and use it as we promise

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THE PLATFORM OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNIST

A police journal of New York city has found out the lurking place of Communism has heard its leaders statement of grievances, and now for the first time we have a definite idea of what ails the malcontents and what they are going to do about it We apprehend this President so called has given about as correct a definition of the wants and the intentions of himself and his fellow scoundrels as the world will be apt to get Briefly, these hungry brethren want liberty the abolition of high salaries and monopolization and the heads of the thieves who are robbing the people It is a platform worthy of Captain Jack

The liberty for which the New York Modocs plot is the liberty of the French Revolution—that liberty which Madame Roland apostrophised at the guillotine. Carlyle has given us a picture of the Communists of 1793

Lank haired haggard faces shapes raw boned on high sabots in woolen jupes with leather girdles studded with copper nails They rocked from foot to foot and beat time with their elbows too as the quarrel and battle which was not long in beginning went on shouting hercely the lank faces distorted into the similitude of a cruel laugh For they were darkened and hardened long had they been the prey of excessemen and taxmen of clerks with the cold spurt of their pens

This, it will be perceived, resembles, somewhat, the growl of the New York hoodlum They complain of high salaries monopolization and thieves in the Treasury It is difficult to understand the nature of the monopoly which afflicts these dissatisfied individuals At a recent demonstration by the followers of the Committee of Safety, the principal speaker was a young plasterer who swore in round terms that he would never again work for $3 50 a day—he would starve sooner. And the sentiment was heartily applauded The Workingmen's demonstrations have been organized by such malcontents as this young plasterer Laziness is at the bottom of all their grievances both fancied and real They want a paternal government, a kind of eleemosynary institution which shall feed and clothe them and periodically distribute the wealth of the community To attain unto this desirable end, a little blood must be shed, a few heads must be carried on pikes through the streets of New York and the few thieves in the Treasury must give place to the many And the Communists of New York give their pampered masters in office to understand that unless the machinery of government is reversed at once, there will presently arise such a friction in certain unoiled parts that the great city will go up in the blaze of burning petroleum balls and the flash of invonets "For the Communists are bound to have the heads of the thieves"

Now if this were merely a contest between the actual and the would be thieves, the good citizen could afford to stand afar off and pray for the survival of the fittest Unfortunately there are other interests at stake And if it be true as alleged, that there is in the heart of our commercial metropolis an organized band of men who dream of revenging social and political wrongs with the knife and the torch, then there are but two modes of satisfying the complainants—one conciliatory, the other by the lamp post Already the authorities of New York have found it necessary to disperse several assemblages called together by these malcontents. The Constitution of the United States guarantees the right of the people peaceably to assemble and petition the Government for a redress of grievances And yet the municipal authorities of New York did not dare to trust the Tompkins Square petitioners with even this liberty The Communists propose to obtain and exercise this right by arson and murder We hope that, whenever the necessity is clearly apparent their intended victims may put the whole three hundred just where they can do the least harm

AN IMPORTANT LEGAL OPINION

In this morning's OREGONIAN will be found the charge given by His Honor, Judge Deady, to the jury, in regard to the defense of the statute of limitations in an action to recover the possession of real property This case is the first in which that defense has been successful in the State, as the twenty years' adverse possession reaches back further than the date of settlement of many of the claims in the country, and to within less than forty years of the oldest titles In view of the probability that this defense will be relied upon in many cases hereafter the charge in this case which is a well considered presentation of the law of limitations in its applicability to titles under the Donation law upon principle and authority will be peculiarly interesting and important to members of the legal profession

The farmers legislature of Iowa has started in to make a new and exciting code of laws Among the bills now pending is one intended to prevent the use of vulgar or obscene language in any place where persons are peaceably assembled Notwithstanding the fact that the Committee on the Suppression of Intemperance reported adversely the lower house has passed the bill and there is every prospect that the senate will do likewise The Ohio Constitutional Convention is laboring for the abolition of another kind of swearing It is proposed that the official oaths of all officers in that State shall contain neither the name nor any allusion to the Supreme Being It is a measure for the suppression of a flagrant crossing crime—perjury—as the constitutional lawyers One branch of the Iowa legislature has also passed a bill making it obligatory upon judges to grant a change of venue in criminal cases where the defendant makes the affidavit prejudice

The bribers organ speaking of Logan's independent movement asks If they could divide the Republican party in the middle, what would they get? What would they not The question what is to be got appears to be the only one a ring politician thinks of asking when called upon to consider any matter connected with politics It is incomprehensible to that class of people that anybody can be actuated by any other motive than that of getting something or other There is just seven principles at the foundation of the ring rule of politics five loaves and two fishes according to the ring view of human nature worth just what the voter can get for it At the last Congressional election the ring bribers paid only $2 50 each for the votes they bought At least that is what the testimony in the Courts showed That was all that could be got for a vote then

After long and painful deliberations the Iowa senate has decided that the office of Mayor of Dubuque is not a lucrative office, the salary thereto attached being only $200 Senator Murphy whose seat was contested on the ground that it was the head of that thriving municipality was returned in the senate by a almost unanimous vote

James Gordon Bennett publisher of the New York *Herald* has donated the sum of $10 000 toward establishing in the city of New York a number of soup houses to which the homeless poor may be supplied with food It is a magnificent charity

THEN AND NOW

A LAMENT OVER THE DEPARTURE OF THE TIMES FROM THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

In the California Assembly February 18th Mr Freeman (author of the Freeman Bill on Freight and Fares) made the following report from the Committee on Ways and Means

Mr SPEAKER The Committee on Ways and Means having considered the resolution of the Assembly instructing them to inquire and report on the practicability of reducing the appropriations for incidental expenses of the several public offices report that it is utterly impossible at present to make the reductions suggested because in all public departments not only State but national our people have sanctioned or at least tolerated a departure from the republican simplicity upon which our Government was originally founded The result has been that gradually our officials and legislative bodies have been accustomed to an extravagant style and a lavish expenditure customary in aristocratical governments but in our early history entirely avoided and condemned If recent elections in several States including our own be taken as evidence that the baneful public sentiment alluded to is being succeeded by a wholesome determination to check official extravagance we may hope that the evil is curable It is well for a community when its wealthy members scatter with profuse hands contributions to art science and labor and give employment and bread to the deserving but this munificent liberality from private purses is no precedent for lavish expenditure of the public money by servants who hold it for the people Thomas Jefferson when inaugurated as President of the United States rode on horseback to the front of the Capitol hitched his horse without the aid of a lackey or stirrup holder mounted the place of inauguration and standing there in the plain costume of a refined gentleman took the oath of office and entered upon the duties of his high position in a manner which cannot but challenge the admiration of all who deplore the gaudy parade and pompous extravagance of a Presidential inauguration of to day Your Committee suggest that as our people and their servants grew into extravagance gradually so it will be a slow process by which the Government can again be brought to the true economy and light taxation which should characterize a republican government

At a meeting of Milton Grange No 29 Umatilla county held on Saturday inst, 27 new members were initiated into the mysteries of the order Of this number twenty were gentlemen and the balance ladies

The Age is prolific in Mushroom Tonics, but somehow the public after twenty five years experience of the invigorating life sustaining and eminently wholesome properties of HOSTETTER WOLFE'S SCHIEDAM AROMATIC SCHNAPPS look coldly upon these experiments on human credulity

MARRIED;

At the residence of the bride parents on the 24th inst by M Marx Mr B H Steinfels of San Francisco to Miss Jennie Gallick of this city San Francisco and Sacramento papers please copy

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TO THE PUBLIC.

ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY WARNED NOT to purchase or negotiate a certain note drawn by J B Montgomery dated Feb 18th or Feb 19th 1874 for $150 at 10 days payable to Stone & Davis or order as payment of the same has been stopped JOHN H STONE of Stone & Davis feb 24 1874 fd1w1t

Contract for Sidewalk.

BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE of Burton & William until noon of Saturday 28th inst for constructing sidewalk around Bank of British Columbia on fractional Block 8 Also for planking north half of Vine street between First and Front Street feb 26 d1t

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Each bid must be accompanied with the bond of two freeholders in the sum of five hundred dollars to the effect that if the contract be awarded to such bidder he will upon its being awarded enter into contract therefor with good and sufficient sureties for the faithful performance

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved

I M CAYWOOD
S M BURTON
WM LADD
Committee on Fire and Water
W O BRUEN
Chief Engineer

Feb 25 1874

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN I noticed the motion made by Mr Ogden of the following notice

Mr Ogden to inquire of the Board of Fire Engineers of Portland for the reason why Mr A Holman of the Willamette Fire Engine Company was left off the list of delegates to the Firemen's Convention

Mr Holman has been a member of the Willamette Company for the past 18 months and has always been considered a good and faithful member during which time he has never missed a fire or meeting when he could attend and was always ready and willing to perform his duty Mr Holman has been disappointed in not being elected a delegate to the Convention which he would have enjoyed very much to attend and which he would have done credit to as a representative of the Willamette Company Mr Holman has been damaged in consequence of his sickness and attention to business to the amount of the value of that before it would have been a matter of little or no consequence to him whether he was elected a delegate or not but now it is a matter of some importance to him and he would like to know why he was left off the list of delegates

I do not think that Mr Holman should be compelled to make a motion in order to get justice done him and I think that he should receive a portion of the money he has been assessed for paying the expenses of the delegates to the Convention which he did not attend and which he would have attended had he been notified of his election

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CITY.

LETTER OF THE PENITENTIARY —Says the Salem Record: Notice has been made of the fact that J C Paige Wells Fargo & Co's agent brought from Oregon Daniel Baker, an escaped convict from Nevada Baker has been taken to Nevada by J B Hume Wells, Fargo & Co's detective It appears that Baker was sentenced to six years imprisonment for participation in a stage robbery. He escaped in 1861 and went to Oregon settling in Corvallis where he led an honest life and was esteemed an excellent citizen He was recently married to a respectable young lady of that place. His friends insisted upon coming down from Oregon with him and accompanied him to Nevada urging in their daily like demeanor and true womanly affection to her husband, much sympathy in them both

THE LOWEST BOILER —The boiler of the tug *Active* which was hoisted out on the wharf yesterday to the rear of the Willamette Iron Works is the largest one which has ever been put ashore in Portland This boiler weighs about fifteen tons The shell is 94 feet in diameter and 12 feet long The fire-box is 90 feet wide and 11 feet high containing two furnaces 9 feet wide 44 feet long There are 99 tubes leading from each furnace to the brick connection and 86 tubes four inches in diameter and 12 feet in length Since the boiler has been elevated to the dock it has been thoroughly examined and found to be in a great deal better condition than was supposed Before being placed in position again on the tug the boiler will be put in first class condition

WATER METERS —Col Dennison now in San Francisco writes to a friend in this city that Col Leonard's water meters are being tested by the Spring Valley Water Company in San Francisco and that so far the Company is well pleased with the manner in which they do their work and the probability is that they will adopt them Hon J W Nesmith informs Col Leonard that his water meters and car coupling have both been accepted by the Commissioner of Patents, and that letters patent will shortly be issued.

WEATHER REPORT —From the records of the U S Signal Station of Observation, Portland, Oregon February 25 1874

	7 A M	2 P M	9 P M
Thermometer	30°	45°	35°
Wind direction	E	S	N
velocity miles per hour	11	4	8
Weather	Cloudy	Clear	Fair

Total rainfall during the day 0 00 inches

ADJOURNED —The Grand Jury after having completed all the criminal business which came before them at the present term of the Circuit Court, were discharged yesterday They did not submit any report from which fact we would infer that they found the condition of the Court House Poor House County and City Jail etc, all satisfactory

VESSELS IN DISTRESS —Yesterday Mr Walter Moffett received a dispatch from Capt Wagner of the bark *Edward James*, announcing that he had been compelled to put into Sydney leaking, the vessel being badly strained in a gale The damages are estimated at about $2,500 which Mr Moffett will telegraph immediately

AT VANCOUVER —On Friday 27th inst, the Rev John Rosenberg of this city will conduct services at St. Luke's Church, Vancouver On next Sunday he will officiate at that Church at 11 A M and 7 P M, while the rector will supply the pulpit in Olympia

ACQUITTED —The jury in the case of State vs Joseph Hackney, charged with an assault to kill returned a verdict of not guilty The defendant was discharged from custody and his bonds exonerated

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Smelt are not smelt this season

Is taking a *back* the first stage of consumption?

The bark *Garibaldi* Captain Noyes, was at *Shanghai* on Jan 12th

The ship *Privateer* from this port, arrived at Liverpool on the 18th inst.

Blinks who is "hard up," says the best substitute for wood is—warm weather

Some very important business was transacted at the Council Chamber last evening

A B Meacham enlightened the residents of the Hub recently on the troubles with Captain Jack

The Grand Army Posts were rehearsing their play at Oro Fino Theater on Tuesday evening

There is nothing that will change a man so much as a great grief unless it is shaving off his moustache

Aerial toilets' is the way an Eastern journal puts it Will some fair one please explain to us what it means?

A carving knife fork and steel of elaborate make will be raffled at Fabre's Central Market Saturday evening

A sociable was held in the Methodist Church Sunday School room last evening Everything passed off pleasantly indeed

If I don't get a letter by this mail I want to know what he was doing last Sunday that's all said clerk Van Houten wilted

There is a very perceptible break in the gloom and depression which ushered in the new year Our people have gone to chewing again

The man Lome Martin, who was punished in the Police Court for insulting ladies, is a Frenchman and not an Italian as we stated yesterday

The "hump" on the northwest corner of the Central School block, has been cut down new planking laid and now the pavement is decidedly improved

Nearly 200,000 barrels of beer were sold by the breweries in San Francisco last year Portland breweries sold about one twentieth of that amount last year

The Democratic Primary Meeting for the Precincts of East Portland, North East Portland and Grant will be held at the Council Chamber in East Portland on Thursday the 26th inst., at 7 o clock P M

A man left a bony steed on Third street yesterday morning and coming back a short time afterwards discovered that a fanny youth had placed a card against the fleshless ribs bearing the notice "This wanted—in justice with a n

We have extended and carefully prepared synopses of the able and interesting lecture delivered at the First Presbyterian Church by Rev A L Lindsley last Sunday evening, on the subject of How Libraries are Made, which we shall give to our readers on next Saturday morning

PERSONAL.

Col Miller was registered at the Commercial Hotel last evening

Co Dudley Evans the accommodating agent of Wells Fargo & Co in this city has been appointed Division Secretary of the Express and Mutual Benefit Association

C B Taylor formerly connected with the *Oregonian* Office is now a careful miscellaneous compositor on the editorial staff of the San Francisco *Chronicle* His estimable wife was among the passengers on board the *Ajo* which sailed last evening She goes below to join her husband

THE COURTS

CIRCUIT COURT—UPTON

Wednesday Feb 25 1874

Judge Upton and J S & W K Smith for plaintiff and defendant

C J Watson vs Lewis H Stinson decree of foreclosure

State of Oregon vs Joseph Hackney assault and battery to kill verdict of not guilty

James B Stephens vs A M Lovell referred to W B Gilbert to report a decree.

State of Oregon vs St Clair honorably retired

Attention on the lookout for suits of clothing as a matter of course want to go to a good first class place and we can recommend the establishment of Messrs Beck & Wallman It is in every respect a first class place They turn out no suits that are not in both quality and fit up to the very highest standard of excellence The reputation they have gained in this respect extends far beyond the limits of the two cities and it is increasing their business to an enormous extent. To always anticipate their customers

TRIED AND ACQUITTED

STRAIGHT ARRESTED AND INDICTED FOR ARSON TRIED IN THE CIRCUIT COURT—HE PROVES AN OVERWHELMING ALIBI—INDICTMENT DISMISSED ON MOTION OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY—VERDICT OF ACQUITTAL IN THE CASE OF —PRISONER RELEASED FROM CUSTODY

The case of the man Straight who was arrested by Chief Tappan on the 4th of last month on suspicion of being the incendiary who fired the city on the 1st of last August was called for trial in the Circuit Court yesterday morning Full particulars of the arrest of this individual were published in the ORGONIAN at the time and need no repetition here The case has attracted considerable attention and public interest was thoroughly enlisted in the results of the trial in proof of which a large number of persons were present yesterday morning in the expectation of the trial eager to watch its progress The State was represented by Geo H Durham District Attorney H N Thompson Deputy District Attorney and by J F Boyce The defendant was represented by Joseph Lapeire J C Moreland and J C Work

The case was called about half past ten but as much difficulty was experienced in electing competent jurors before a jury was empaneled Only ten jurors were chosen at the time Court adjourned The regular panel was exhausted by challenges which were sustained in the Court ordered the Sheriff to summon five additional jurors during the temporary adjournment

On the reassembling of the court at 1 o clock the two remaining jurors were chosen and the case panel The following are the names of the jurors empanneled to try the case W B Doubleower N J Jones John Powell C Cuss Buchanan J Wharton M S Hart William Dalton A Washburn J A Wetmore F J Cone William Love J C Orchard

The case was stated to the jury by the District Attorney George H Durham in behalf of the State and in behalf of the defendant by J F Caples one of the counsel for the defense

ZED WILSON

Being called testified I know defendant have known him for a year and a half became acquainted with him at the penitentiary saw him in August just prior to the great fire he was with a man named Glass (here witness described minutely the man Glass), at that time the defendant wore a heavy pair of sandy whiskers and moustaches I had some conversation with defendant and Glass about the fire, we were drinking in Morgan's saloon on First street Glass was treating defendant was asked to drink but declined to do so this was just prior to the fire after the fire defendant acknowledged that he had burned the town we went into a saloon opposite the postoffice where we had the conversation defendant said he threw a ball of cotton wick saturated with kerosine oil which was set on fire into the shop of Hurgren & Shindler through a broken pane of glass I asked defendant how he made those balls he said he would show me how he wanted me to procure some kerosine oil which I declined to do told him he would have to be cautious or else some one would blow on him; he said he was not afraid of that as he expected to prove himself clear if he should be arrested; said he had burned the d—d town and would do so again if there was any money in it but he did not think there was any at present.

Cross examined—I was in the Penitentiary serving out my term when I became acquainted with defendant saw him for the first time after we were both out of the State Prison at John Clark's saloon saw him soon after in the City Jail, I was in the jail at the time, awaiting my trial saw defendant just before the fire—in the latter part of July—at Morgan's saloon I did not know that the Mayor had offered a reward at the time the defendant was arrested, I knew afterwards that such a reward had been offered I was asked by Chief Lappeus to assist him in tracking the matter up if I learned anything new to inform him I do not know that I shall get any portion of the reward in the event of the conviction of the defendant felt that it was my duty as a citizen to assist Lappeus can not tell what time it was when I saw defendant after the fire met him on Front street and shook hands with him after some conversation we walked about and then both went into the saloon opposite the postoffice, I saw Capt Brannan at the time we entered the saloon, defendant asked me if I had missed anything I told him no, he said I ought to for he had fired the town this was in the back room of the saloon did not tell me anything about having set fire to the town prior to the time we entered the saloon we saw the barkeeper on entering the saloon there are several rooms in the building we took a drink—defendant and myself—just after we went in no one was in the room at the time when this conversation took place when we first entered we saw a large fleshy man sitting at one of the tables, but he soon left on entering the room the defendant said Sit down and we'll have a talk he then said Did you lose any thing? I said No said he Well you ought to for I set fire to the town I said How in the name of common sense did you do that? defendant then said that he had thrown a ball of wicken soaked with oil among the shavings in the shop of Hurgren & Shindler the shavings ignited instantly, and within fifteen minutes from the time the flames were all over the roof I told defendant that he had better be cautious and know just who he was talking with after this conversation we left and went to Johnny Morgan's saloon defendant then got sick and vomited and was put out by the bar keeper afterwards I saw defendant in Henry Webber's saloon do not remember when I had a conversation with Lappeus after my conversation with defendant at Webber's saloon defendant told me that he was afraid he should be arrested defendant showed me a paragraph in one of the daily papers concerning his arrest for carrying concealed weapons, and then in a very excited manner tore the paragraph out defendant told me several times during the day that he had fired the town—advertised to it every little while during that conversation defendant spoke of a new and novel plan for stealing horses and wanted me to go in with him, I went down to the Police Court with defendant to get his pistol and afterward we both went to the law office of his counsel Chas Ball defendant had some conversation with Chief Tappan that day, and wants I that officer to give him $20 for the weapon on the following day I met defendant at Phillips's saloon we went and took a drink A man named Moore was also present at the time Moore was present three times when defendant admitted that he had fired the town We had conversations both in the rear portion of Phillips's saloon and also on the sidewalk opposite the building After that we went up town to Hughes's boarding house Moore was along with us and heard the conversation Moore was walking a little ahead of us and I told defendant not to talk loud as I was a little afraid of hearing I did this so Moore could not hear all that was said Defendant said again that he had burned the d—d town but he could not help it he was in for it they had sent him to the penitentiary before and now they should have something to show him up for Defendant again showed me how he made the balls of cotton wick and the wick into a small ball wrapped them all around and put pieces of rag on it, then dipped the ball in kerosene oil until it was thoroughly saturated and wrapped it up in a piece of paper I wanted defendant to make the balls so that I could show them to Chief Tappen when the warrant for Lappeus's arrest was issued I told defendant before the fire that I would turn State's evidence in case I was arrested on a charge of arson in order that I might get clear Defendant then said that he would not think that there was any danger of my being arrested

Cross examined—I was working in Hurgren & Shindler's shop at the time the fire occurred Witness stated that a pane of glass in one of the doors was broken out before the fire pane of glass was broken out every few days by something falling against them there was nothing unusual about the glass being broken the floors were generally strewed with dry shaving I was of the first to see the fire soon after it was discovered I saw a large number of persons were present when I arrived at the scene.

Cross-examined—Could not state whether or not the shop was cleaned of shavings on Friday evening before the fire it was generally cleaned out once a week it was not cleaned out every week however I have worked for about four years for Messrs Hurgren & Shindler

H B DURHAM

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W J SIMPSON

Testified I am a policeman I know defendant saw him after the fire at the Head of Davis saloon down on the corner of Ash and Front streets Defendant asked me to take a drink with him which I declined to do had some conversation with defendant at the time Defendant stated that he had been asked by the policemen to lend a hand at the brakes on the day of the great fire but he got out of it the best way he could This conversation transpired a few days subsequent to the fire

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The Daily Oregonian.

THURSDAY MORNING FEB 26 1874

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

Financial.

WEDNESDAY EVENING February 25 1874

Gold in New York to-day 112⅞

United States Legal Tenders buying 89 selling 90

Sterling bars are quotable at 4.85@4.50 fine.

Exchange on an France seeing at 5.17½ per cent less

Export Wheat by mail advises from San Francisco 1,500 tons loaded for average California, and 1,000 tons for the club

The only question now is that which will be the way for a favorable solution so far as the supply is concerned. Prices are ruled low, but indications do not contemplate any material change in the future, when the owners who now offer good paper freely accommodate on terms that would have been thought unreasonable six months ago

The Collector of the Oregon and Washington Trust Investment Company has an advertisement which appears elsewhere in our columns will no doubt attract the consideration by parties who desire to loan money on approximate important enterprises or improvements on terms as their terms of loan will probably be found very favorable for such purposes as the banks are in very fair supply of funds, and disposed to their customers on prime paper at fair rates

Stock brokers are also in the market seeking places for the investment of considerable sums as loans The only question now to be solved is in what field the capital to be had here be invested to afford a reasonable hope of fair margins for money unless invested in something that will pay the interest and principal will do but little good An instance of this is shown in the sums which have been paid by producers within the past year and which it is reported are hoarded up and kept from circulation. We find that here as well as everywhere else the law of supply and demand is regulating the price of money and bringing about a better equilibrium between the condition of the lender and the borrower Interest and discounts must come down. Agriculture pays small margins rents are lower in our cities and towns, large markets of demand are, prevent the building and setting in working order manufacturing establishments takes a long time. Those who engage in these enterprises must have more encouragement, or the enterprises will languish Let us have a reasonable amount of capital on rates at which men can live and the future growth and prosperity of our State is assured

Among the latest measures before Congress on the question of Government finances is the bill to redeem legal tender notes and to regulate and establish the currency of the United States introduced by Mr Burleigh, of Maine It provides for reducing one half of the legal tender notes by issuing in their stead 5 per cent. three year compound interest notes at the rate of $7 000 000 per month redeemable in 4½ per cent. thirty year gold bonds. The other half of the present legal tender notes are to be retired by issuing legal-tender regulating currency notes redeemable on demand by interchangeable 3-65 100 per cent. gold bonds the notes so redeemed to be held to exchange for bonds the bonds to be held to redeem the notes and so on. Four and a half per cent. forty year gold bonds are to be issued at par for lawful money to banking associations in each State and Territory until each shall have banking associations with a circulation amounting to two dollars for each inhabitant and the money received to be used to purchase bonds bearing a higher rate of interest these associations all to be subject to the present banking laws. One-half of the interchangeable bonds may be held as a reserve whenever the compound interest notes first issued shall mature. The banks shall have one-third reserve at this time; may redeem the notes issued under this act at any time with gold

California Freights and Wheat.

A San Francisco exchange of the 20th inst. says

The British iron ship Sarah Price has been rechartered to load wheat for Liverpool at 32s 6d; bark Antioch 646 tons, will load wheat at Portland for Liverpool on terms reserved There are three or four first-class vessels in port, but they are not ready for outward business, and hence there is no disposition to take them up especially as the owners demand extreme rates. The quantity of wheat to go forward exclusive of the vessels now loading is small and whether it is shipped at all or not will depend very much on the willingness of ship owners and wheat holders harmonizing on prices suited to the change condition of the English market and the lateness of the season

Home Farmers Market.

The present week has been one of considerable activity in shipping circles, and a casual observer might take this for an indication of a brisk trade in produce but to those who are in the market, the week so far has been one of the greatest quiet of the season The most, if not all the Wheat going into the ships now at our wharves has been purchased for sometime and mostly stored along the river to await the arrival here of the ships to carry it away But the very fewest purchases of this cereal have been made, and have hardly sufficed to establish quotations. Holders demand 5@10 cents per cental more than exporters offer The latter is $1 50@1 70 In flour the reduced prices are now steady and supplies slightly falling off in both Oats unsettled at 45 cents for best lots with no immediate prospect of stronger market Feed of all kinds is abundant, and of difficult sale at our last quotations Potatoes and apples are coming to hand in diminished quantities, with a slight upward tendency in offers Dairy products are firmer, but no advance is noted. Poultry is rather scarcer, with an advance of 75@50 per dozen for choice lots of chickens Fresh meats are more active and best beeves are in demand at 5@6 cents per pound and mutton Wool and hides steady, and in fair demand at our last quotation

In some articles with which our family markets are supplied the cold weather has produced some scarcity but hardly sufficient to justify advances of prices

San Francisco Markets.

[BY TELEGRAPH]

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb 25—Flour—Good demand for superfine and city millers say they could sell large quantities at $5 50 brands less known, can be had at $5@5 62½ local brands extra, reduced to $6 37½@6 62½

Wheat—Fair milling $1 80 all kinds $1 85@1 90 Barley—Coast $1 30@1 52½ coast brewing $1 55@1 60 coast feed $1 00 Bay brewing, $1 67½@1 65 Oats—$1 60@1 80 for feed with moderate trade

Potatoes—Tomales $1 80 Petaluma and Humboldt, $1 50@2

Onions—Choice yellow firm at $2 75

Corn—Large Southern yellow $1 —½ one invoice realized $1 75

Corn Meal—Table kinds jobbing at —½@3¼

Buckwheat—3¼@3¾

Rye—$1 —@1 80

Beans—Bayo 3¾c butter 7c peas 4½ small white 3¾c pink and red 3¾c

Dairy Products—Fresh quotable at 50@55c pickled roll and firkin do 30@35c new California cheese 14@16c Eastern do 17@20c

Eggs—Fresh California 25@30c Oregon do 25@30c

San Francisco Stock Market.

[BY TELEGRAPH]

SAN FRANCISCO February

Ophir	37	Knickerbocker	3¾
C & H	23	Globe Con.	—
B & L	24	Baltimore	—
Savage	11½	Bullion	8½
Chollar	—	Utah	—
H & N	8½	California	3¾
Potosi	11	Silver Hill	—
Jacket	—	Trench	1½
Imperial	6¾	Pagnio	8
Empire	1⅝	Rock Island	2½
Kentuck	22½	N Y Con	—
Alpha	13¾	American Flat	7½
Belcher	9½	Tyler	1
Confidence	9½	Senator	1¾
Con Virginia	69½	Union Con	2¼
Exchequer	24½	Woodville	—
Segregated Belcher	100	Sutro	2¾
Overman	61	Mint	17½
Sierra Nevada	22	Franklin	1
Justice	1	Sag Rock Island	—
Lady Bryan	1	Andes	1¾
Utah	—	Lady Washington	1
Caledonia	1½		

EXTRA BOARD

Meiss Valley	12	Cordeliers	—
Raymond	25	Chariot	90
Eureka	1	St Patrick	—
Flag	—	Independent	1
W C	—	Lumber	1
A I	1½	Mahogany	—
P C	2½	Chariot	25
American Flag	4½	War Eagle	1
Bevers	45	Empire Idaho	5
C H	1½	Red Jacket	9
Belmont	—	Ophir	90
Con Hill	8½	Con Virginia	69
Newark	2	Chollar	1½
M Belmont	1	Overman	61
Hale & Norcross	4¼	Belcher	9½
Eureka South	6½	Savage	10½
Hayes	8	Point	90
N Imperial	1	Hale & N	1

Shipping Intelligence.

The ship Orpheus is announced to have arrived at Callao for this port at noon to-day, making a run of 30 days from Honolulu

The steamer Ajax sailed promptly at 10 o'clock yesterday afternoon with a large cargo principally grain and flour for the San Francisco market

The Nabob Colonel Chas Silver Cloud and Jennie Pitts are all preparing to receive cargoes of wheat and flour

The bark Arthur has recently been chartered in San Francisco to load a boat here for Europe The terms of charter are reserved

BY TELEGRAPH

Arrived at Astoria Feb 25 H Barnard from Bay

Sailed—Bark Caroline Tacoma Schr Nautilus Tahiti

General Merchandise

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Messrs Buckingham & Hecht 41 Buckeye N $140 Hecht & Co 3 Buckeye N $15 Messrs Hall Baker & Co 3 Buckeye N $15 Dr Piper 42 Clipper N $15 Messrs Hall & Co 3 Buckeye N $15 Messrs Hall & Co 3 Buckeye N $15 Messrs Hall & Co 3 Buckeye